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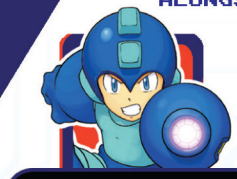

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MEGA MAN
AVENGING BOY ROBOT

BREAK MAN
BITTER BROTHER BOT

DR. LIGHT
MEGA MAN'S CREATOR

ROLL
SUPPORTIVE SYNTHETIC SISTER

DR. WILY
THIEVING VILLAIN

DOC ROBOT
EIGHT ROBOT MASTERS IN ONE SHELL

MEGA MAN™

PREVIOUSLY...

BATTLE OF BROTHERS

Dr. Wily fooled the world into thinking he was a good man – a victim of circumstance. When Mega Man and Dr. Light let their guards down, the madman attacked! He stole Gamma – the super-powered peacekeeping robot – and burned Light Labs to the ground.

Now Mega Man has tracked the villain to a remote island base. Inside are all sorts of traps and deadly robots.

But first he'll have to get past Break Man,
the only robot he has never been able to beat...

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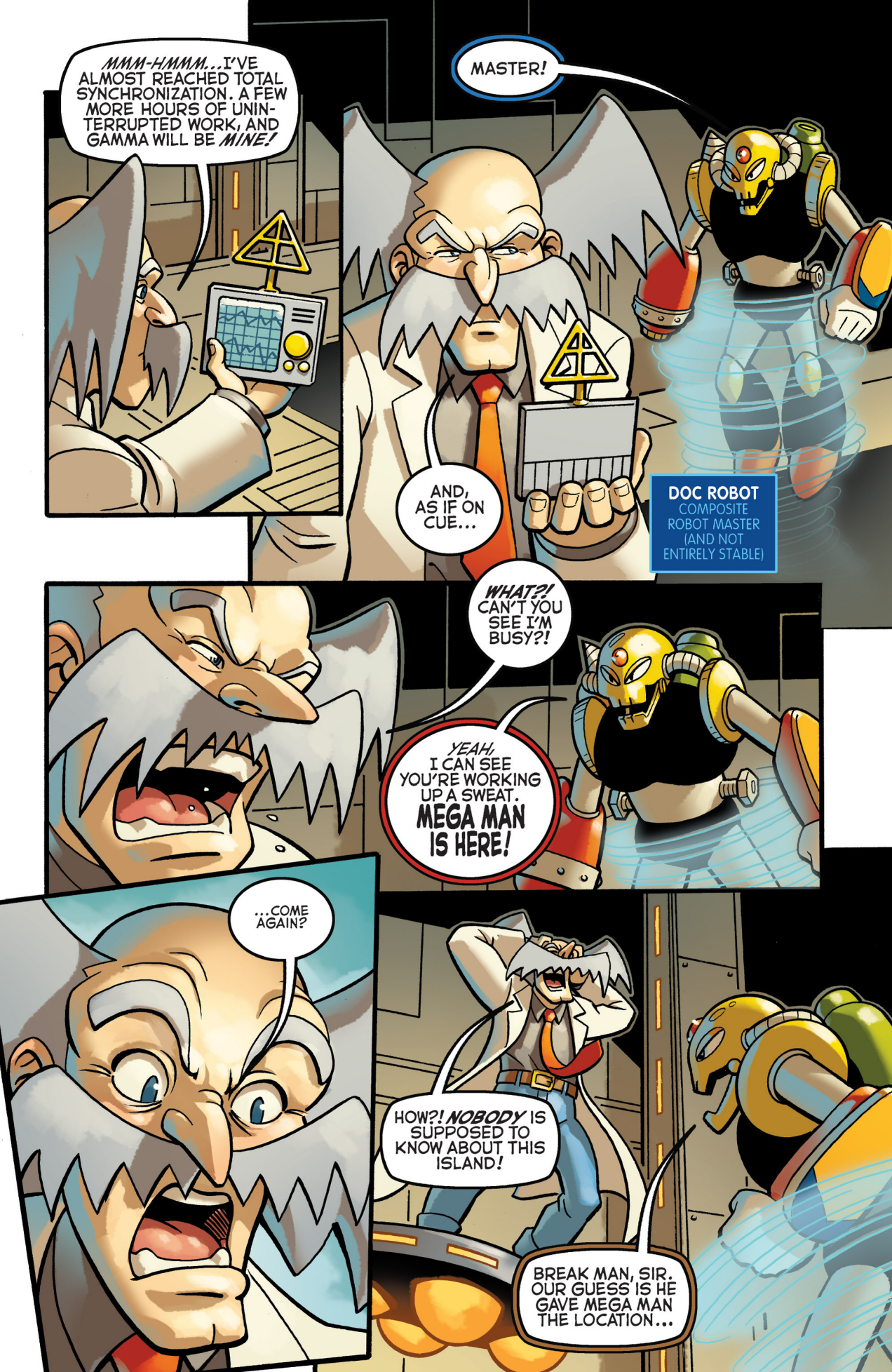
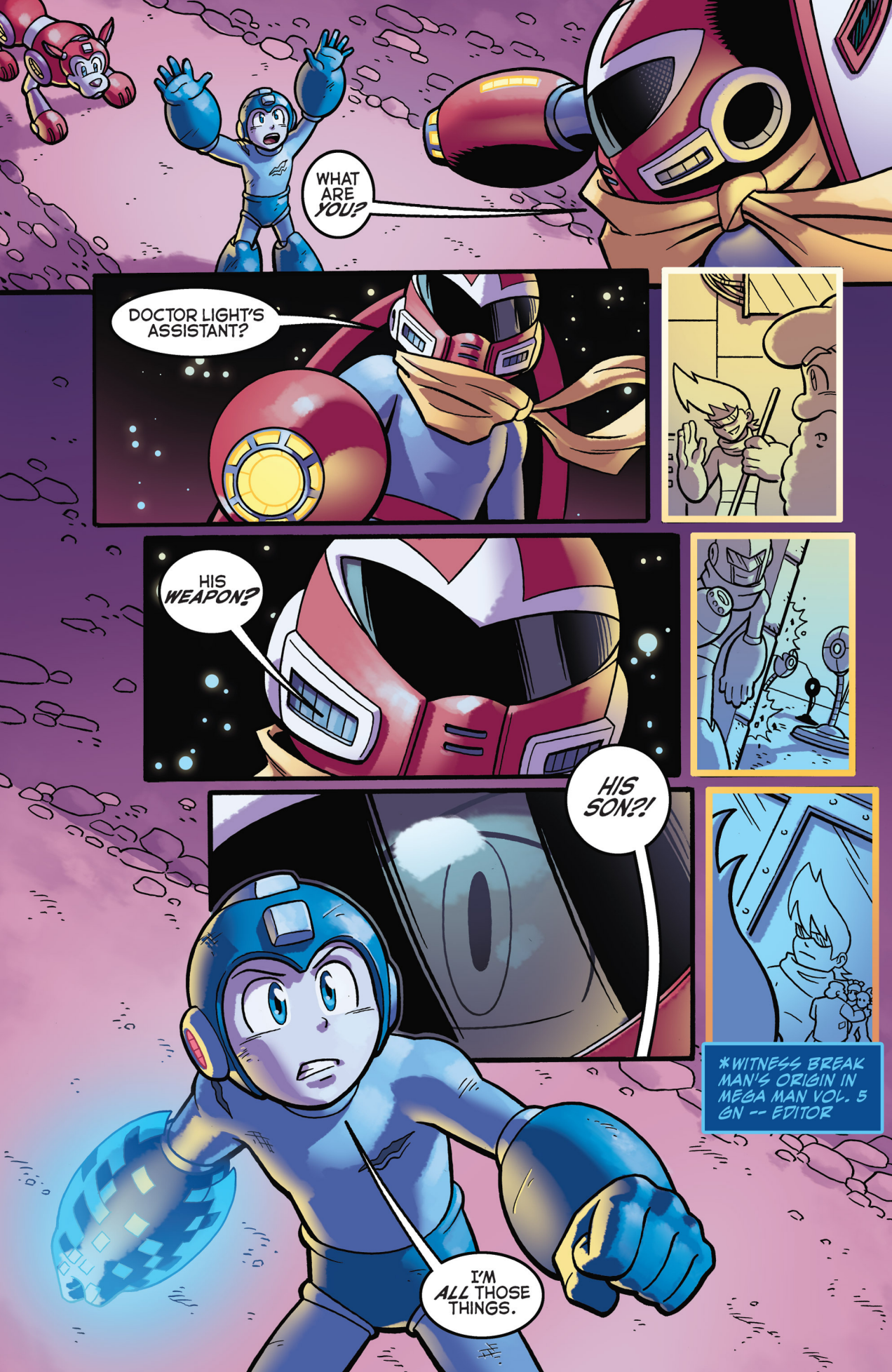
I'LL SHOW YOU! MY GENIUS WILL ALWAYS FIND A WAY!
ZZZ ZORCH!
DR. ALBERT W. WILY
VAIN ROBOTICS MASTER
I WILL FINALLY REIGN SUPREME! HA HA HA!
The ULTIMATE BETRAYAL
PART TWO: My Brother's Keeper


MMM-HMMM...I'VE ALMOST REACHED TOTAL SYNCHRONIZATION. A FEW MORE HOURS OF UNINTERRUPTED WORK, AND GAMMA WILL BE MINE!
MASTER!
AND, AS IF ON CUE...
DOC ROBOT
COMPOSITE ROBOT MASTER (AND NOT ENTIRELY STABLE)
WHAT?! CAN'T YOU SEE I'M BUSY?!
YEAH, I CAN SEE YOU'RE WORKING UP A SWEAT. MEGA MAN IS HERE!
...COME AGAIN?
HOW?! NOBODY IS SUPPOSED TO KNOW ABOUT THIS ISLAND!
BREAK MAN, SIR. OUR GUESS IS HE GAVE MEGA MAN THE LOCATION...

"...SO THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE ONE LAST DUEL."
MEGA MAN
SUPER FIGHTING ROBOT
RUSH
FAITHFUL ROBO-DOG
BREAK MAN
ROGUE ROBOT
YOU STAY BACK THIS TIME, RUSH. I MEAN IT.
WHINE?
THIS IS STRICTLY BETWEEN ME AND HIM.
BEFORE WE GET STARTED, I WANT TO KNOW...

YOU ATTACKED ME FOR NO REASON.*
YOU KEPT ME AT BAY WHILE DR. WILY BURNED MY HOUSE DOWN.**
YOU SHOT ROLL. ***
*MM#23. **MM#45. ***MM#28.
BUT YOU GAVE DOCTOR LIGHT THE KEY TO IMMUNIZING ME AGAINST RA MOON'S POWER.*
YOU HELPED ME FIGHT RA MOON'S FORCES. **
YOU TOLD ME HOW TO FIND THIS PLACE. ***
*MM#29. **MM#33. ***MM#45.
YOU COULD BE MY LONG-LOST BROTHER.
YOU'RE ALSO WORKING FOR DR. WILY.
SO WHAT IS YOUR DEAL? ARE YOU HELPING ME? FIGHTING ME?
WHAT DO YOU WANT?

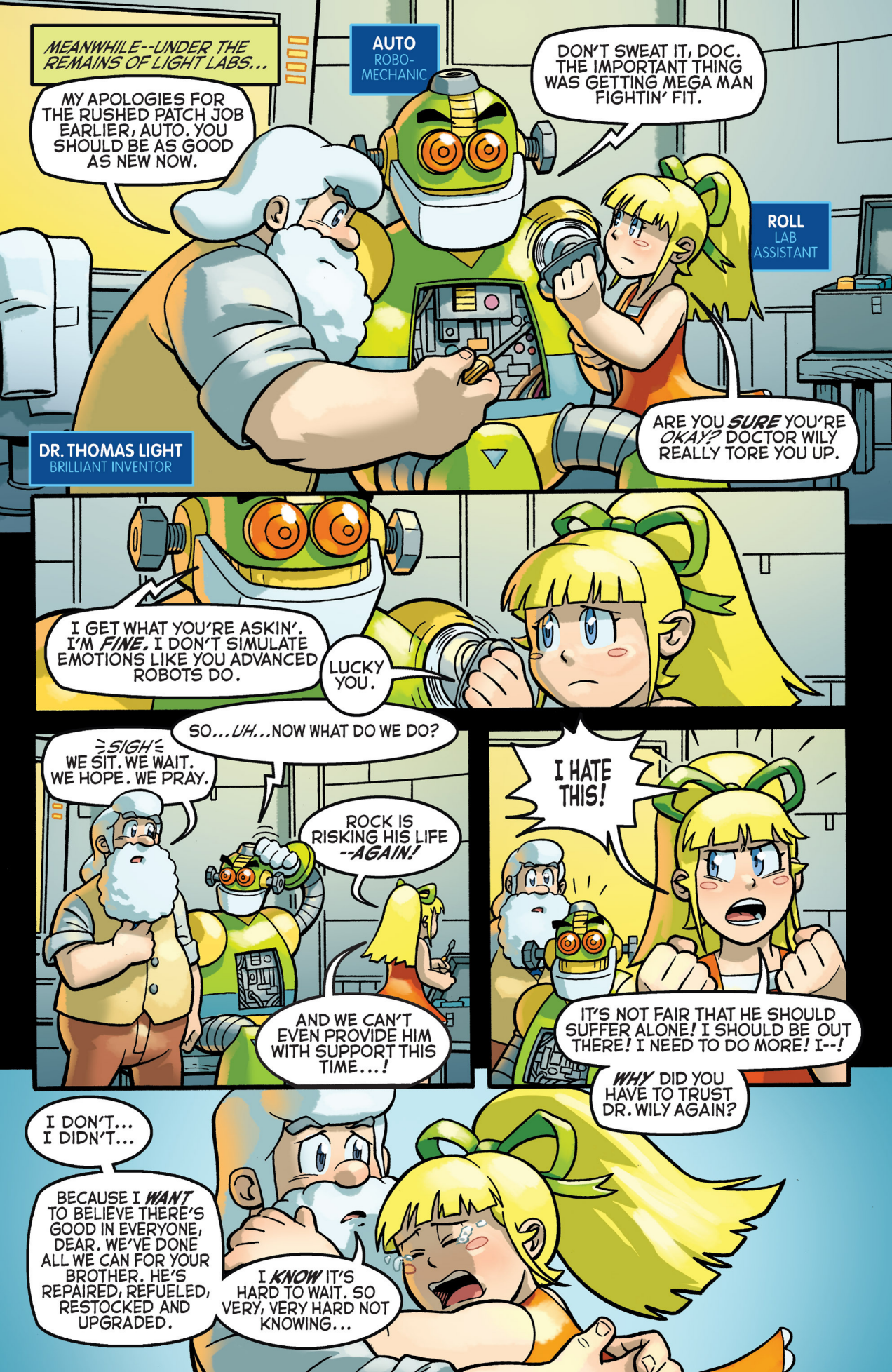

WHAT ARE YOU?
DOCTOR LIGHT'S ASSISTANT?
HIS WEAPON?
HIS SON?!
I'M ALL THOSE THINGS.
*WITNESS BREAK MAN'S ORIGIN IN MEGA MAN VOL. 5 GN -- EDITOR

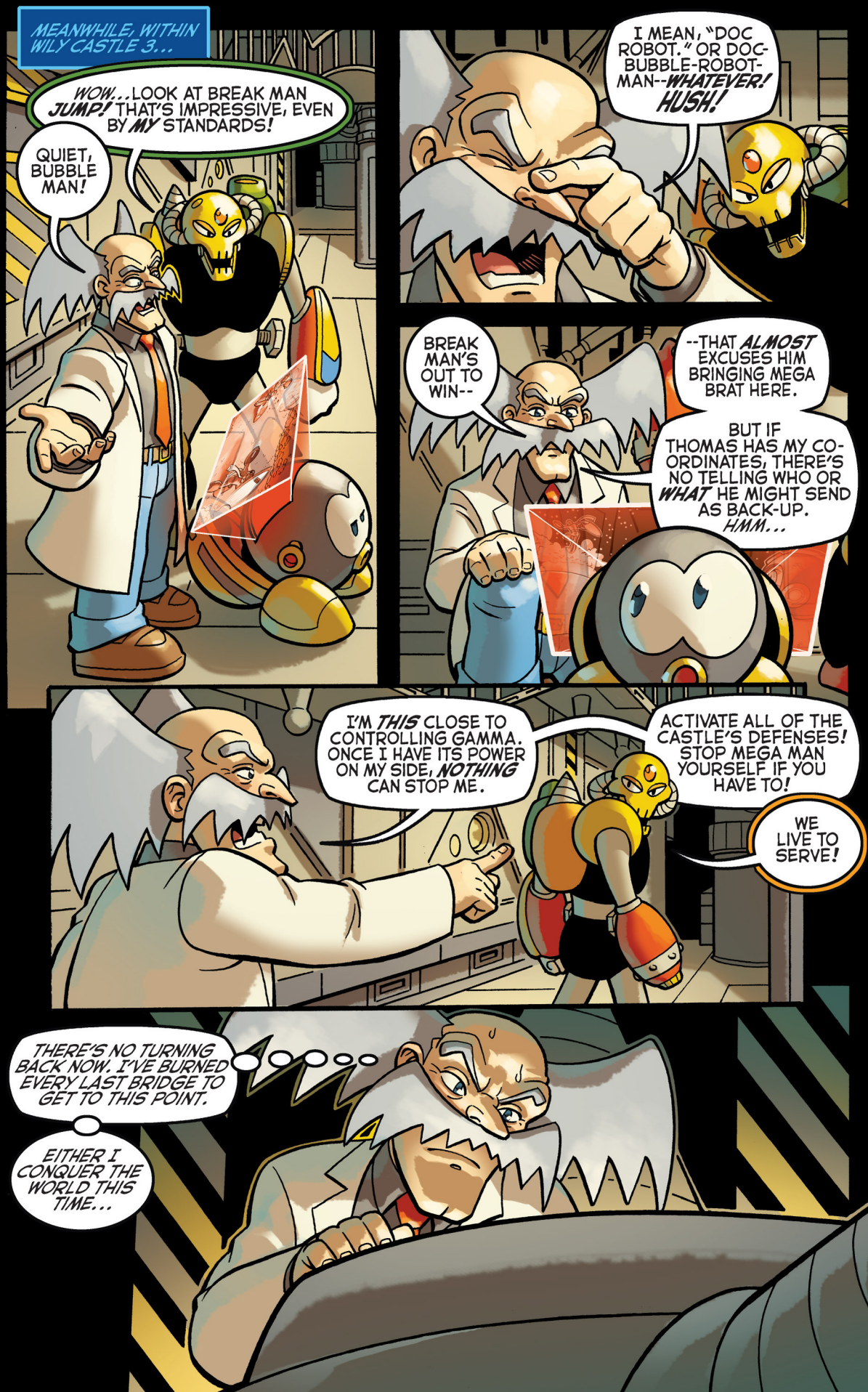
POW!
POW!
POW!
THEN WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO BE?!
PLINK!
PLINK!
PYEW!
PYEW!
CLUD!

WALLWALK
BLAM!
BWOOSH!
WHAT IS THAT THING MADE OF?

BLAM!
BLAM!
BOOM!
BOOM!
THE LONGER I TAKE HERE, THE MORE TIME DR. WILY HAS TO TAKE CONTROL OF GAMMA...
I'VE GOT EIGHT ROBOT MASTER WEAPONS IN STOCK. I COULD PROBABLY OVER-WHELM HIM...
...AND THEN I'D BE WEAPONLESS WHILE STORMING THE CASTLE.
BLAM!
BLAM!
WEAPON EQUIP!
GEMINI LASER
NO--I'VE GOT TO FINISH THIS BUSTER TO BUSTER!
BLAM!
BOOM!

BOOM!
BOOM!
BOOM!
WHIIINE!
BARK!
BARK!
NO! STAY PUT!
I NEED YOU FOR NAVIGATING THE CASTLE! I'VE GOT--
--HIM?
POW
POW!
ARGH!
PLINK!
PLINK!
PIEW!
PIEW!


MEANWHILE--UNDER THE REMAINS OF LIGHT LABS...
AUTO ROBO-MECHANIC
MY APOLOGIES FOR THE RUSHED PATCH JOB EARLIER, AUTO. YOU SHOULD BE AS GOOD AS NEW NOW.
DON'T SWEAT IT, DOC. THE IMPORTANT THING WAS GETTING MEGA MAN FIGHTIN' FIT.
ROLL LAB ASSISTANT
DR. THOMAS LIGHT BRILLIANT INVENTOR
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE OKAY? DOCTOR WILY REALLY TORE YOU UP.
I GET WHAT YOU'RE ASKIN'. I'M FINE. I DON'T SIMULATE EMOTIONS LIKE YOU ADVANCED ROBOTS DO.
LUCKY YOU.
SO... UH... NOW WHAT DO WE DO?
≥SIGH≤ WE SIT. WE WAIT. WE HOPE. WE PRAY.
ROCK IS RISKING HIS LIFE --AGAIN!
AND WE CAN'T EVEN PROVIDE HIM WITH SUPPORT THIS TIME...!
I HATE THIS!
IT'S NOT FAIR THAT HE SHOULD SUFFER ALONE! I SHOULD BE OUT THERE! I NEED TO DO MORE! I--!
WHY DID YOU HAVE TO TRUST DR. WILY AGAIN?
I DON'T... I DIDN'T...
BECAUSE I WANT TO BELIEVE THERE'S GOOD IN EVERYONE, DEAR. WE'VE DONE ALL WE CAN FOR YOUR BROTHER. HE'S REPAIRED, REFUELED, RESTOCKED AND UPGRADED.
I KNOW IT'S HARD TO WAIT. SO VERY, VERY HARD NOT KNOWING...


MEANWHILE, WITHIN WILY CASTLE 3...
WOW...LOOK AT BREAK MAN JUMP! THAT'S IMPRESSIVE, EVEN BY MY STANDARDS!
QUIET, BUBBLE MAN!
I MEAN, "DOC ROBOT." OR DOC-BUBBLE-ROBOT-MAN--WHATEVER! HUSH!
BREAK MAN'S OUT TO WIN--
--THAT ALMOST EXCUSES HIM BRINGING MEGA BRAT HERE.
BUT IF THOMAS HAS MY CO-ORDINATES, THERE'S NO TELLING WHO OR WHAT HE MIGHT SEND AS BACK-UP. HMM...
I'M THIS CLOSE TO CONTROLLING GAMMA. ONCE I HAVE ITS POWER ON MY SIDE, NOTHING CAN STOP ME.
ACTIVATE ALL OF THE CASTLE'S DEFENSES! STOP MEGA MAN YOURSELF IF YOU HAVE TO!
WE LIVE TO SERVE!
THERE'S NO TURNING BACK NOW. I'VE BURNED EVERY LAST BRIDGE TO GET TO THIS POINT.
EITHER I CONQUER THE WORLD THIS TIME...

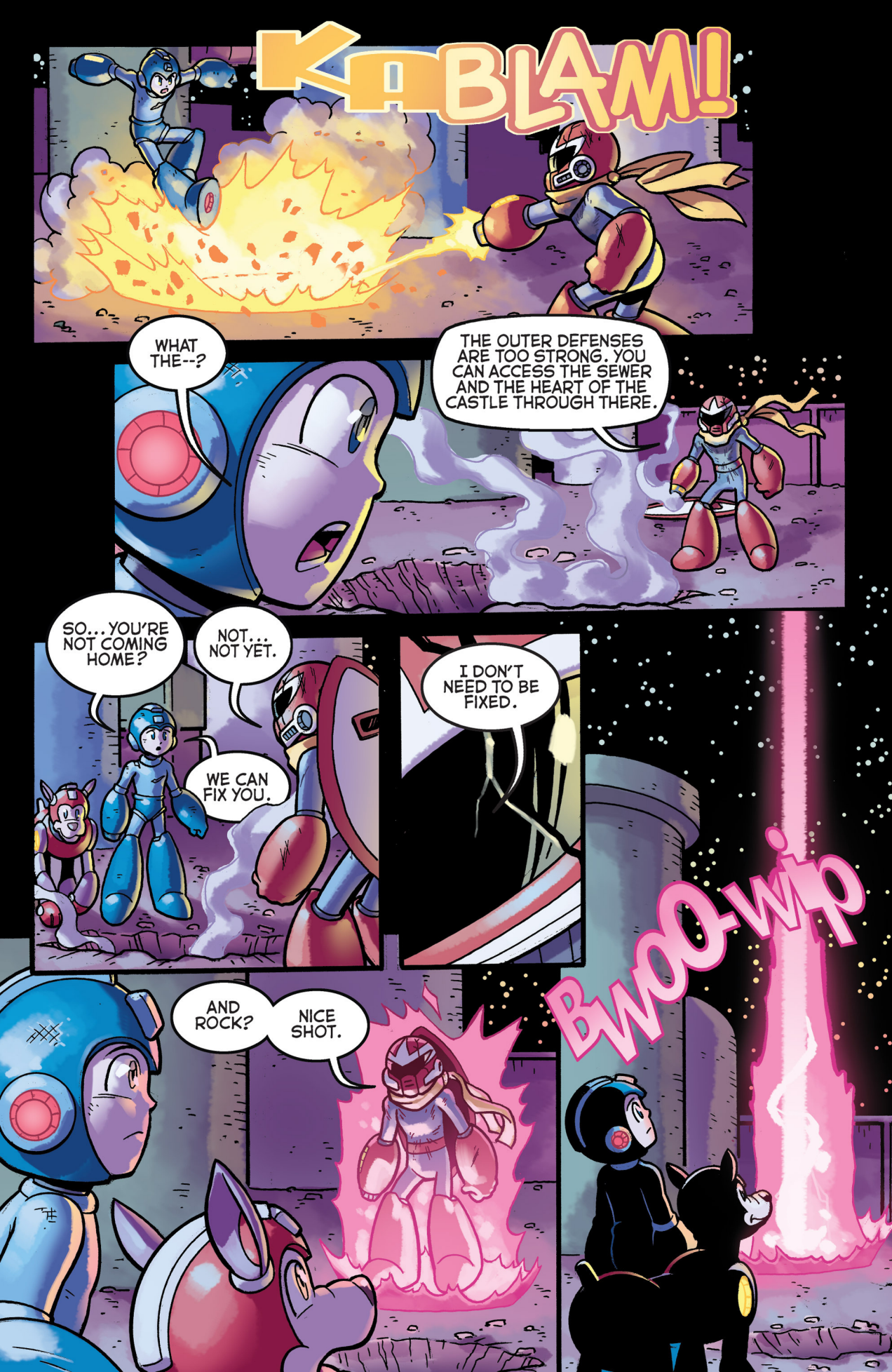
"...OR I DIE TRYING!"
WHY?!
BLAM!
BLAM!
HUH?
WHY DO YOU FIGHT SO HARD FOR DR. LIGHT?! HE MADE YOU--AND HE CAN UNMAKE YOU ON A WHIM! HE SENDS YOU TO FIGHT HIS BATTLES!
WHY DO YOU STAY WITH HIM?!
BECAUSE HE'S MY FATHER!
BLAM!
HE'S A MECHANIC! YOU ARE HIS CREATION!
PLINK!
BLAM!
BLAM!
WE'RE ROBOTS! WE DON'T GET FAMILIES! WE GET FUNCTIONS!
YOU DON'T BELIEVE THAT!
I HAVE TO BELIEVE IT!

HOURS AGO...
...AND I'VE PUSHED THE OUTPUT OF YOUR BUSTER AS FAR AS IT CAN GO. AS FAR AS I KNOW, BREAK MAN STILL HAS A FAULTY POWER SUPPLY.
WHILE HE'S A FEARSOME FIGHTER, THIS MEANS HE SIMPLY CANNOT MATCH YOUR OUTPUT.
SHOULD I... DO I *HAVE* TO DESTROY HIM?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S DRIVING HIM. PERHAPS I NEVER DID, AND MAYBE THAT'S WHAT PUSHED HIM AWAY.
SAVE HIM IF YOU CAN--DO WHAT I COULD NOT. PERHAPS WE CAN RESTORE HIM LIKE THE ROBOT MASTERS. BUT MAKE SURE *YOU* COME HOME TO ME.
I CANNOT STAND LOSING *BOTH* MY SONS.
YOU WON'T LOSE EITHER OF US...
BLAM!
BLAM!
BLAM!

BLAM!
WRROOOOOOOWR...
BLAM!

DO IT. THIS IS HOW IT HAS TO END.
YOU'RE WRONG. ABOUT EVERY-THING.
I *DO* HAVE A FATHER. I FIGHT FOR HIS DREAM OF EVERLASTING PEACE. I *DO* HAVE A FAMILY. I FIGHT TO KEEP THEM SAFE.
THIS IS HOW IT *SHOULD* END...
N-NO...IT CAN'T WORK. IT *WON'T* WORK. YOU'VE STOLEN MY FUNCTION.
STOP BEING STUPID. I'M *GIVING* YOU A FUNCTION.
YOU'RE MY BIG BROTHER.

THEN COME HOME! HELP US REBUILD LIGHT LABS! SAY YOU'RE SORRY AND LET US FIX YOU!
I CAN'T.
WHY?! BECAUSE IT'S "NOT YOUR FUNCTION"?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?! YOU'RE THE BETTER FIGHTER, BUT I MANAGED TO BEAT YOU BECAUSE I HAD MY FAMILY TO HELP GET ME READY! TO BACK ME UP!
I KNOW.
NO...
IT'S WHO I AM.


KABLAM!
WHAT THE--?
THE OUTER DEFENSES ARE TOO STRONG. YOU CAN ACCESS THE SEWER AND THE HEART OF THE CASTLE THROUGH THERE.
SO... YOU'RE NOT COMING HOME?
NOT... NOT YET.
WE CAN FIX YOU.
I DON'T NEED TO BE FIXED.
BWOOWIP
AND ROCK?
NICE SHOT.

LET'S FINISH THIS, BOY. AFTER TODAY...
MODE CHANGE
RUSH JET
"...NO MORE HEARTBREAK..."
"...NO MORE BETRAYALS..."
WEAPON EQUIP!
SHADOW BLADE
MODE CHANGE
RUSH MARINE
"...AND NO MORE FIGHTING OTHER ROBOTS!"

BLAM! BLAM!
VWOOSH!
OH, COME ON!

BUMO!
YELLOW DEVIL mk. 2
GIANT MORPHOGENTIC ROBO-GOLEM
CAREFUL, MEGA MAN!
YOU BARELY SURVIVED YOUR FIGHT WITH THE LAST YELLOW DEVIL, AND THIS THING IS UPGRADED!
THE RACE TO CONTROL GAMMA GETS MORE DESPERATE NEXT TIME!
UNTIL THEN, DON'T MISS OUT ON THE GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!

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Dear Mega-Mail,
I have been a huge fan of the Mega Man comics since I read issue 12 (it's really awesome) and since then I have amassed a huge treasure trove of Mega Man comics.

Yarr! There be no greater treasure than that of the Mega Man comic books!

My personal favorite is issue 44. It really explained to me what the DOC Robot seems like in the comic books.

It must be crazy having all of those different personalities in one giant robot, right?!

I'm just really hoping you guys can get up to the storyline of my fave Mega Man game (Mega Man 10 is my favorite one). I say keep up the good work!

Thanks,
Seamus H. sent to MegaMan@ArchieComics.com

Thanks for the letter, Seamus! We'll keep making mega-great comics as long as there are mega-great fans like you!

Dear Mega-Mail,
I see it!

Me too! Wait... where am I looking?

Don't try to hide it, I know that Xander Payne is up to something...I don't know what it is, but it can't be good for Mega Man! Can't wait for the next issue!

Michael sent to MegaMan@ArchieComics.com

Thanks, Michael! You're right! Xander is scheming in the shadows of his jail cell! But what could it be?! All of the answers will soon be revealed!

That's all for this issue, folks! See y'all next time for "The Ultimate Betrayal" part three!

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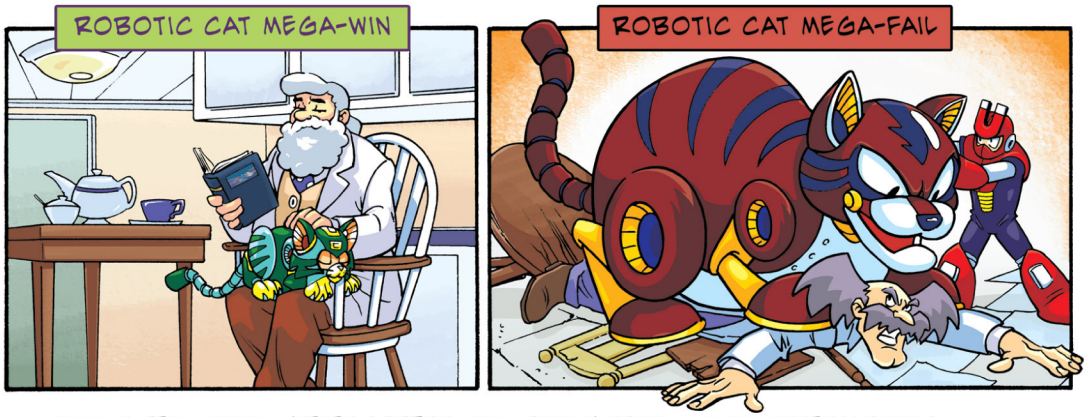

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